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A FLURRY OF FUR IN DAYTON!

Our fearless leaders took a little vacation to Las Vegas and left Bear Awakening to Michael, Dallas and myself. When we were told this, the three of us looked at each other and grinned. We always wondered what would happen if we did our own bar night. On March 13, 1999 we found out, it's a little shindig called Bear Awakening.

Once again, Midwest BearPack and friends packed in DJ's Saloon for another evening of Dayton hospitality. It didn't take long before the jukebox, and the bears went non-stop! Bears came in from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Missouri to shake off some of the cabin (or should I say cave) fever.

Once the bar was at full capacity, I got up on stage, turned on the microphone and started causing some trouble. I selected five bears by having them bring me specific items, such as condoms and the like. Once selected four of the bears participated in a wet t-shirt...of sorts. See, the shirts were frozen before hand by Dallas (a little too well unfortunately) and each contestant had to pull the shirt apart and put it on. After 10 minutes and some soaking under tap water, we considered it a draw and there were prizes for all, 2 teddy bears and 2 Tinky Winky keychains.

After wrapping things up, everyone was feeling really festive and the nuzzling and growls whipped up to a fevered pitch. DJ's Saloon really took good care of us, as they always do.

The next morning, a group of us went for brunch at O'Charleys where we all shared stories and nachos (courtesy of



The night's emcee, William, shows off a Tinky Winky keychain to the crowd.

Dallas). A great time was had by all and we can't wait for Fur Blast on August 21, again at DJ's Saloon.

SUMMER PICNIC AND CAMPING!

We want to give everyone plenty of time to make arrangements for our August 7th Pitch-in Picnic at Spring Mill State Park in southern Indiana. Yes, we were there last year, and had such a great time that we felt we wanted to return for another round of cave-hopping, raccoon-stompin', all-around lip-lickin' good time!

Like last year, we will have our picnic on Saturday August 7th, but many of us will be camping-out at the park for the whole weekend. If you would like to camp with us you should (although not required) reserve a camp site early. Contact the park directly at (812) 849-4129 and request a campsite reservation form.

But don't get the idea this is a simple little pitch-in picnic! This weekend the park will be having "Pioneer Heritage Days." There are plenty of caves to explore, plenty of pioneer homes to check out, as well as a fantastic pool, tennis courts, and hiking trails to prowl. There is certainly plenty of activities for everyone.

If you have any friends you'd like to bring along, please do! There will be plenty of fun for all. The Saturday picnic will begin around 12noon at the Oak Ridge Shelter House (that is shelter #31.) For those of you who don't know Spring Mill State Park is located 1-1/2 hours south of Indianapolis outside of Mitchell Indiana.

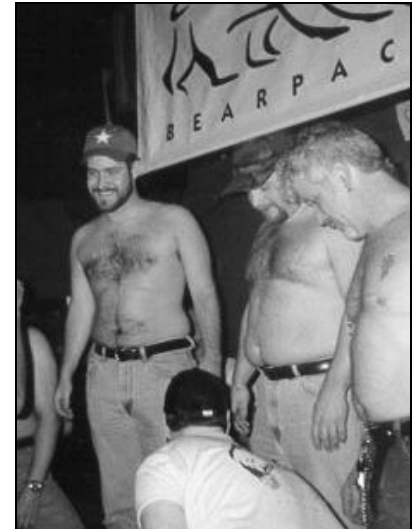
BEAR AWAKENING 1999



“What the heck????”



William deep-throats the microphone for the crowd.



Kent flashes a grin on the stage.



Midwest BearPack members Steve and Bill share a laugh.



The Bear Awakening 1999 crowd scene at DJ's Saloon.

Upcoming Activities

April 9-11 - The Columbus Ursine Brotherhood are looking for a few good bears (and cubs too!) at **BEAR CAMP '99** in Columbus Ohio! The Host Hotel is The Crowne Plaza (800) 338-4462 under the codename Bear Camp 99.

April 15-18 - The Music City Bears promise this year's **BEAR JAM '99** to be “the biggest and best yet!” in Nashville Tennessee. Many, many Midwest BearPack members will be attending this year!

April 19 - Midwest BearPack's monthly meeting at the Diversity Center at 7:00pm.

April 23-25 - The Hoosier Bears invite you to come out this spring for their 5th Annual **Out of Hibernation!** This event is in Indianapolis with **Our Place** as their Host Bar!

May 17 - Midwest BearPack's monthly meeting at the Diversity Center at 7:00pm.

May 27-31 - The Great Lakes Bears-Chicago present their Memorial Day Weekend Event **BEAR PRIDE** in Chicago!

July 1-5 - The Southern Bears present **Bear All '99** in Atlanta Georgia!

August 7 - The Midwest BearPack's Summer Picnic at Spring Mill State Park. We will be meeting at the Oak Ridge Shelter House at 12noon! Contact the State Park at (812) 849-4129 for camp site reservations if you'd like to camp as well!

August 21 - The Midwest BearPack presents **Fur Blast IV** at DJ's Saloon in Dayton Ohio.

October 14-18 - The Bears of Central Florida want you for Bear Maneuvers in **Bear Bust '99!**

October 22-23 - The Midwest BearPack hosts **BEAR HELL 1999** at the 501 Tavern in Indianapolis, Indiana!